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A-204

1. THE CANDIDATE AREAS FOR POSSIBLE S AND T COOPERATION
LISTED IN REF A HAVE BEEN EXPLORED IN SOME DETAIL WITH
APPROPRIATE USG AGENCIES. NO ENTHUSIASM FOUND FOR
CLIMATOLOGY OR ENZYME TECHNOLOGY, PARTLY BECAUSE OF EXTENT
OF EXISTING COOPERATION WITH EUROPEAN COUNTERPARTS, AND AT
LEAST PARTLY BECAUSE OF LACK OF INFORMATION ON COMMISSION'S
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PROGRAMS. NSF CLAIMS CONTINUING INTEREST IN POSSIBLE
COOPERATION IN FORECASTING AND ASSESSMENT, BUT IS AWAITING
AUTUMN REPORT OF NSF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON OVERALL RELA-
TIONS WITH EUROPE BEFORE CONSIDERING ANY CONCRETE ACTION.
NIH CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION IN MEDICAL
RESEARCH FIELDS DELINEATED IN PAR 7 OF REF B, BUT UNABLE
TO MAKE DECISIONS AT THIS STAGE ON BASIS OF MEAGER INFORMA-

TION AVAILABLE. BUREAU OF MINES, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND NSF APPLIED SCIENCE AND RESEARCH APPLICATIONS DIRECTORATE HAVE EXPRESSED REAL INTEREST IN AREA OF PRIMARY MATERIALS, WITH THEIR INTERESTS CLOSELY PARALLELING

THE SURMISED COMMISSION PROGRAM AS REFLECTED IN REFS C AND D. IN ALL CASES, HOWEVER, A MUCH BETTER IDEA OF COMMISSION'S CAPABILITIES AND PLANS IS REQUIRED.

2. WITH MISSION CONCURRENCE DEPARTMENT PROPOSES THAT DR. E. G. KOVACH, OES, VISIT DIRECTORATE XII WEEK OF JULY 10 OR 17 TO DEVELOP SUCH FURTHER INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC TOPIC; AND MODES OF COOPERATION. HE IS CONVERSANT WITH AGENCIES' INTERESTS, AND ADDITIONAL DISCUSSIONS SHOULD ENABLE US TO DRAFT A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION BY COMMISSION PRIOR TO AN IMPLEMENTING MEETING IN THE FALL. KOVACH SUGGESTS MEETING WITH DIRECTOR SCHUSTER AND SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THOSE COMMISSION OFFICERS WHO ARE MOST FAMILIAR WITH DETAILS OF PRESENT AND PLANNED WORK IN MATERIALS, MEDICAL AND FORECASTING AREAS. DR. KOVACH IS PREPARED TO VISIT ISPRA ONLY IF THIS WOULD SEEM USEFUL. PRELIMINARY MEETING WITH MISSION OFFICERS WOULD BE ESSENTIAL. DR. KOVACH DOES NOT KNOW SCHUSTER BUT IS ACQUAINTED WITH BOGGIO AND HAS MET SEVERAL OTHER COMMISSION OFFICERS.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE COMMISSION'S PREFERENCE FOR TIMING. NO LOGISTIC ASSISTANCE REQUIRED.
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